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## ADOC ANNOUNCES NEW HEALTHCARE CONTRACT

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Corrections will team with Prison Health Services of Brentwood, Tennessee, to provide comprehensive medical coverage for inmates on a statewide basis. PHS earned the contract through a request for proposal process. Cost for the three-year contract is \$142,655,781.00 with two – 1 year options. Based on this contract price PHS submitted the lowest cost proposal. Budgeted costs are based not only on ADOC data but comparisons to other correctional systems to arrive at realistic spending levels that are required to deliver healthcare services according to ADOC requirements and community standards of care. This offer contains innovative approaches to managed care and cost that provides the ADOC with the most cost effective use of resources while meeting service delivery requirements.

Prison Health Services has been providing quality correctional healthcare for more than 25 years. Currently, they serve more than 222,000 inmates in 26

states, 146 jails and 172 prisons and will now service six statewide systems. In addition to comprehensive medical programs, PHS also provides dental care, mental health and substance abuse programs, along with recruitment and staffing services. Diabetic and HIV protocols are also in place.

Prison Health Services has achieved both NCCHC and ACA accreditation with plans to create a secure website to collect and disseminate reporting information. PHS is the only publicly traded company in the field of correctional healthcare, which means fully accountable financial performance.

ADOC Commissioner Donal Campbell is ready to begin work with Prison Health Services. "PHS is a reputable company with a long history of providing comprehensive medical healthcare. I look forward to working with them in an effort to provide continued quality care to our inmate population."

In a separate RFP process, Mental Health Management of

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## NEW FIRM PICKED TO PROVIDE PRISON HEALTH CARE

BY PHILLIP RAWLS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/10/17/2003  
MONTGOMERY, ALA. (AP) -- Alabama's cost of prison health care is going up significantly, with two companies due to get \$172 million during the next three years.

State Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell on Friday selected Prison Health Services of Brentwood, Tenn., to provide comprehensive medical coverage for state inmates. The company is getting a three-year contract worth \$142.7 million and will have two one-year options.

Campbell chose Mental Health Management Services of Vienna, Va., to provide mental health treatment. It is getting a three-year contract worth \$29.2 million.

Both services have been provided by Birmingham-based NaphCare. It was paid about \$135 million over the last three years, said Dr. Ronald Cavanaugh, director of treatment for the state Department of Corrections.

NaphCare was among four companies that offered proposals for the health care contract, but Campbell said Public Health Services submitted the lowest cost proposal.

Campbell called Prison Health Services "a reputable company" that serves more than 220,000 inmates in 26 states.

Mental Health Management Services provides care to more than 120,000 inmates in eight states. It has been a subcontractor to NaphCare in Alabama.

NaphCare responded to the announcement by saying that its proposals had been lower than both the winning companies. Company spokesman David Davis said NaphCare's proposals were \$139.3 million and \$26 million.

"NaphCare is an Alabama company, presented a lower bid and yet NaphCare was not awarded the contract. What's up here? Alabamians deserve more accountability than this and I thought that was what the Riley administration ran their campaign on. I guess that was just more political rhetoric," Davis said.

Cavanaugh said Prison Health Services was chosen over the competitors because of the staffing levels and levels of service it offered.

Cavanaugh said Alabama had been paying between \$3 and \$3.50 per day per inmate under the NaphCare contract, and the

### Prison Health Services

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# The View From The Top

Interview with: **Donal Campbell**  
A Man on a Mission

**F**or the next several months *prisonsandjails.com* will be publishing interviews with the Commissioners, Directors and Secretaries in as many of the 50 States as possible. This series gives our readers an opportunity to learn what the leaders of the Corrections Industry are thinking. You'll learn a little about who they are, how they came to their present positions and how they view their roles and their industry.

They each have plans and ideas of what they can do to improve the industry for you, the Corrections Professionals. We begin this series of interviews with:

Donal Campbell,  
Commissioner of Corrections, State of Alabama.

A Man on a Mission

Recognizing that Alabama is one of the most burdened Department of Corrections in the Nation, Commissioner Campbell came to Alabama early this year after eight years as the Commissioner of Corrections in Tennessee. He stated that it is his objective to make the system of corrections in Alabama one of the best in the Nation. He recognizes the challenge he has ahead of him and spoke candidly about his system and what he wants to do.

"Alabama now has the lowest inmate cost per day in the Country. The system is underfunded, understaffed, and overcrowded. We are so crowded that we now have 1400 male prisoners in Mississippi and 300 females in Louisiana prisons. We need to bring them back to Alabama."

When asked how the State's well known budget crisis will impact his system, the Commissioner proudly said, "Since there is no more cutting without closing prisons, we are hoping for the legislature to pass the Governor's plan to not only insure that the funding for the Corrections Department remain level, but to add his proposed a \$16 million dollar increase. I've been through this kind of situation before. I know we'll do what needs to be done". We ended the budget discussion with his lighthearted, "I'm having fun".

It was clear that this is a man who enjoys a challenge. He explained that it had been over ten years since he had faced such difficulties and he was enthusiastic about managing and building the system in Alabama to where he felt it needed to be.

"We need a new infrastructure, updated facilities and additional staff. In fact, we have many opportunities available for corrections professionals here."



When asked his philosophy of the role of corrections in society, his emphasis was not only on the task but also on his people. He said, "The role of Corrections is to provide protections for the community and for those who have been sentenced. The importance of this role in society is often not recognized nor is the professionalism of the people who work in the industry. I get disturbed when talking to the press about corrections officers and then having the press call our professionals as "prison guards". It makes it difficult to tell our story but we continually try to promote the professionalism of our people."

It was clear that Commissioner Campbell is a pragmatic man as we discussed how he will go about enhancing the corrections system in Alabama. "We put all of the options on the table. If a contractor can do a better and more cost effective job of something, we'll consider that. We do contract our medical care, in fact we are opening for bids for that contract today (September 11th). We contract for physicians, dentists, nurses for the facilities and then use community hospitals when that is necessary." When it came to the issue of pharmaceuticals, the Commissioner explained that this had been the area of greatest cost increase this year. "We're looking for alternative ways of purchasing the pharmaceuticals we need. They are now a part of the overall medical care contract."

It was clear that Commissioner Campbell knew that he'd have challenges in Alabama that he had not had to face in Tennessee for some time. With twenty-six years in the Corrections Industry, starting as a correctional officer, Commissioner Campbell has learned the industry from all perspectives.

When asked why he chose this career field, he said, "I have always been interested in criminal justice and law enforcement. I had some friends who worked in corrections and they had talked to me about the opportunities in the field. And I joined them and that's what has brought me here today."

As I thanked Commissioner Campbell for his time and candor he reminded me of why he was in Alabama and of his mission. "It may take a few years to be at the level of the other state, but that's why I'm here." Thanks you Commissioner and somehow with your enthusiasm, I think you'll get it accomplished. ■

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—Donal Campbell

## No Quick Fix State Needs To Take Balanced Approach To Solve Current Corrections Problems

FOSTER COOK/DIRECTOR, JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-09/21/03

The Alabama prisoner population and associated budget have exploded during the past 20 years. In 1980, there were 6,368 state prisoners in Alabama. Today, there are 28,338 - more prisoners than in Canada, a country of more than 30 million people.

Obviously, many don't need to be there. Now, at the expense of children's education and health care, nursing home beds and medications for poor people, the governor and Legislature scramble to address the problem.

In their defense, Alabama's prison overcrowding crisis and budget crisis are real. But the governor and Legislature should not fall victim to the seemingly quick fix of only expanding the function of parole. Instead, Alabama should support its expanding community corrections programs, which are ultimately more effective and less expensive.

There are two basic options available to address Alabama's corrections crisis. The first, which is more progressive and in line with sentencing reform efforts, is to change Draconian sentencing laws and provide judges community-based alternatives under the Community Corrections Act. The second is to continue to sentence nonviolent offenders to the penitentiary and to expensive out-of-state prisons (\$17 million) and then have the governor's appointees change sentences administratively and release offenders on parole.

The first option stops the problem of overcrowding at its root and efficiently moves the state forward in line with Sentencing Commission. address the flow of lower-prisons and doesn't change brought us to this dismal

The first option is confidence in the system future. The second option, on the table, does not.

Eggs in one basket:

Regrettably, Gov. Bob Riley has elected to put all his eggs in the broken basket of corrections and parole. His budget doubles the size of the parole board and its supporting cast and totally ignores investing in permanent solutions to the problem.

True, an expanded parole board is one of several mechanisms available to release offenders who really don't need to be there, and parole supervision needs to be improved and augmented with re-entry services. But doubling the size of the parole system alone without looking at other immediate solutions or investing in any long-term solutions is simplistic and extremely unwise.

Alabama can provide a more thoughtful and comprehensive solution to its prison and fiscal crisis than the Band-Aid of out-of-state private prisons and massive parole expansion. The Department of Corrections could expand the SIR program through Community Corrections to reassign offenders to community custody. Existing probation and parole caseloads could be trimmed by review and judicial or parole board concurrence. Split sentences could be reviewed. Thousands of offenders waiting to get drug treatment could be diverted to community treatment programs.

The Legislature just amended the Community Corrections act to allow it to more easily expand beyond the current 27 counties. However, the \$5.5 million recommended by Alabama's Sentencing Commission and agreed to by the Legislature is not included in the governor's budget. This is in spite of the recently completed 10-year master plan prepared for the Department of Corrections by Carter Goble and Associates, which estimates that a minimum of 2,100 state prisoners could be safely diverted from prisons to community corrections without hiring new state employees.

The governor's proposal also fails to provide the level of services that many of these returning offenders need. According to the Sentencing Commission, more than 5,000

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## Prison Problems Obvious Threat

EDITORIAL MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER/9/16/03

There has long been a strong law-and-order streak in this state, and that history leads one to wonder whether Alabamians fully grasp the precarious situation of their prison system. The picture described by Prison Commissioner Donal Campbell is grim.

If prisons are seen as the ultimate public safety tool in that they remove offenders from society, Alabamians cannot have much confidence that their safety is enhanced under current conditions. Campbell says the system is "on the verge of breaking down."

Who could doubt that? At the end of last week, Alabama had 28,142 inmates in its custody. The prison system is designed to handle about half that many.

The overcrowding creates a long list of problems. This is not about the comfort of prisoners, who are not sympathetic figures in the eyes of most Alabamians. It has become a genuine public safety issue, as well as a safety issue for the people who work in the prisons.

The overcrowding already has prompted Campbell to send more than 1,400 male inmates to facilities in Mississippi and more than 300 female inmates to a privately operated prison in Louisiana. But even that extreme step, in some ways an abdication of the state's responsibility, has only a modest impact on the overcrowding.

Campbell has been remarkably candid about the situation, flatly stating that the state lacks enough effective action "when of there." That is truly

One prison with  
only 22 officers on  
6 a.m., Campbell said.  
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securely if there is a major prison riot or breakout.

Alabama has an inmate-to-officer ratio that is more than twice as high as that in Florida and Georgia, nearly twice as high as in South Carolina and half again as high as in Mississippi. This is a recipe for trouble, serious trouble.

The Department of Corrections gets \$250 million in Gov. Bob Riley's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, which is \$16 million more than this year. However, that increase will not materially change the situation. An additional \$10 million in prison medical costs, \$3 million in a lawsuit settlement involving mentally ill inmates and \$3 million for the out-of-state housing of prisoners will consume that money.

Those who continually carp about unspecified waste and bureaucracy don't have a case when it comes to Alabama's prisons. They operate at the lowest per-inmate cost in the nation, but they are being asked to do more and more with less and less. At some point, and Alabama clearly has reached that point, the job becomes downright dangerous.

"We're doing a lot of things right, but we're doing it without an adequate number of staff, at great risk to our employees and at a great threat to the public," Campbell said.

How safe do you feel now? ■

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—Campbell

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# SOUTHEAST MANHUNT FIELD TRIALS

The following are results of the Southeast Manhunt Field Trials, held October 8th through the 12th at the Blackwater National Forrest in Munson, Florida. Under the leadership K-9 Unit Coordinator Charles Hadley, ADOC preformed exceptionally well. Teams from St. Clair, Fountain, Limestone and Kilby were entered with three finishing in the top ten! An outstanding accomplishment based on the competition level and number of teams entered.

Team	Night Race	Day Race	Avg.
1. Calhoun C.I. (Fla) .....	15:16	13:44	14:30
2. Tucker Unit (Ark) .....	16:25	13:28	14:76
3. Century C.I. (Fla) .....	18:33	12:38	15:35
4. Fountain (Al) .....	16:19	16:10	16:10
5. St.Clair (Al) .....	17:36	15:35	16:35
6. Okaloosa C.I. (Fla) .....	17:07	18:03	17:55
7. Walton C.I. (Fla) .....	24:00	11:41	17:70
8. North Ark. ....	16:08	22:27	19:11
9. East Ark. ....	30:44	9:26	19:85
10. Kilby (Al) .....	20:12	21:35	20:73
11. Washington C.I. (Fla) .....	15:00	30:04	22:52
12. Liberty C.I. (Fla) .....	29:01	16:54	22:77
13. Blountstown P.D. (Fla) .....	32:55	14:32	23:43
14. Holmes C.I. (Fla) .....	36:29	13:30	23:79
15. Pine Bluff (Ark) .....	21:43	26:31	23:87
16. Santa Rosa (Fla) .....	32:36	19:38	25:87
17. Marion C.I. (Fla) .....	27:00	25:04	26:02
18. Limestone (Al) .....	20:21	39:41	29:81
19. Mayo C.I. (Fla) .....	31:19	29:06	30:12
20. Wakulla C.I. (Fla) .....	48:39	16:30	32:34
21. Madison C.I. (Fla) .....	33:38	35:50	34:44
22. Jackson C.I. (Fla) .....	14:04	56:18	35:11
23. Tomoka C.I. (Fla) .....	38:00	35:27	36:63
24. Apalachee C.I. (Fla) .....	28:32	49:30	38:81
25. Angola (La) .....	59:45	20:21	39:83
26. Washington (La) .....	1:14.00	12:55	43:27
27. Avon (?) .....	1:26.33	1:07.23	1:16:78



The attached article appeared in the Mobile Press Register on October 8th. I think this is an excellent opportunity to promote the ability, dedication and professionalism of our K-9 personnel. This particular incident required much more than the use of trained tracking dogs. It also required the handlers to use their ability to track without a dog. It required their determination, courage and willingness to track through a heavy swamp when others could not. The paper pointed out the assistance from the Sheriffs Flotilla, Daphne Search and Rescue and others. These people, as far as I am told, stayed in boats. Our three ADOC handlers did all of the tracking on foot and found this boy. They were likely his last chance at being found alive. We wanted the boy, not the credit.

JERRY FERRELL/WARDEN/ FOUNTAIN CC

## Trackers Find Christian Poole Alive, Well And Craving Pizza

RUSS HENDERSON AND DAN MURTAUGH/STAFF REPORTERS-10/08/03

Ten-year-old Christian Poole spent 25 hours alone, deep in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, listening, praying, calling out for his dad, thinking about his favorite food: pizza.

Since late Sunday night, Christian had been left alone -- the last of five members of a hunting party that had gotten lost in the Mobile- Tensaw Delta. Christian's father had gotten separated from the rest while trying to find the group's boat. The others, Tommy Stokes of Theodore and his two sons, had left the exhausted Christian in a tree to wait for rescuers.

Christian's father and the others were rescued Monday afternoon, after family members reported the group overdue and several agencies launched a massive manhunt to find them. While all this was happening, Christian remained alone, waiting.

He would climb down the tree, then he'd worry about alligators and wild pigs and climb back up the tree.

The first evening, it wasn't so bad, because he could hear Tommy Stokes and his two sons talking and yelling to him as they walked away to find help.

Then, after Christian slept part of the night in the mud, Monday morning brought nothing but the sounds of the delta. Finally, that afternoon, other things started happening.

"I saw a helicopter go by, and I yelled at them that I wanted food and drink," said Poole from his room at University of South Alabama Women's and Children's Hospital. "They kept going by."

A 12-hour, multi-agency search for Christian ended at 1:20 a.m. Tuesday when three men trained to hunt escaped convicts found him, stripped down to his T-shirt and underwear, asleep on a mound of dirt under the tree where Tommy Stokes had left the exhausted boy, planning to send help back to find him.

"We got his pants on, talked to him a little bit. I gave him my jacket and we started to work him out of there," said Mickey Mustin of the beagle tracking team from Fountain Correctional Facility near Atmore.

Tuesday, after a morning of sleep in warm electric blankets, Christian lay in his hospital room bed, playing Playstation, watching television, talking to friends and relatives. The boy who'd had mild hypothermia and some bruises and scratches to show for his ordeal now seemed very happy to be around family and friends.

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"He keeps telling me again and again, 'I love you, momma,'" Delania Poole, Christian's mother, said. "We're so happy and so proud of him. He did the smartest thing anyone could've done in that situation: He stayed put and waited for someone to find him."

The harrowing journey of the two men and three young boys began at 11 a.m. Sunday near the Original Oyster House restaurant on the Causeway, where the group launched in an 18-foot aluminum boat headed for a one-day squirrel hunting trip in the delta swamps.

"My husband had never been hunting in the delta before. He and Christian had been looking forward to it for a long time," Delania Poole said. The two went together with Stokes and his two sons, Thomas, 10, and Jonathan, 7.

They drove the boat about 14 miles north to Oak Leaf Bayou, police said. There they hunted for a day, then got lost trying to find their way back to the boat. Finally, the two men decided to split up and search for the markings they had left to find their way back, Delania Poole said. They huddled the boys together in a circle and told them not to move till they returned, she said.

Both men lost track of the boys -- and each other. Stokes managed to find his way back to the boys by yelling back and forth with them, Delania Poole said. Stokes and the three boys waited till dusk for Tony Poole to return, then decided to try to find their way back to the boat without him, she said.

"They were walking in mud up to their knees, and finally Christian got too tired to go on," Delania Poole said. Stokes put Christian into the limbs of a tree and told him to wait there until someone came to get him.

Rescue crews credited a "float plan" for the successful rescue of all five members of the hunting party.

"A float plan means leaving behind information about a trip you plan to take with a family member or a friend. It saves lives," said Lt. Debbie Lindquist of the Coast Guard's search and rescue office. In this case, Mrs. Poole knew the vital information all the rescuing agencies needed to find the lost group quickly, she said.

When Delania Poole called to report the missing group Monday, she was able to tell rescuers where the group had planned to launch from and where they had planned to go.

"We were able to narrow the search to the area where all the hunters were found," Lindquist said.

*"It's not like you sink up to your calves,  
you sink up to your knees all the time, and  
your waist sometimes."*

The group's boat was found at 1:50 p.m., secured to a bank in the Oak Leaf Bayou area near the Tensaw River, she said. At 3:10 p.m., a Coast Guard helicopter found Tony Poole on a sand bank in the Tensaw River. The crew lowered a rescue basket and by 3:15 p.m. were flying him to USA Medical Center, Lindquist said.

Tony Poole had hypothermia, and was having hallucinations," said Sheila Smith, a neighbor of the Poole family and a close family friend who saw Tony Poole at the hospital. He was listed in fair condition at the hospital Tuesday night.

"We were convinced he'd been bitten by snakes and that he had leeches on him," Smith said. "He's still in and out of consciousness."

Kenneth Vines, who works at the landing, said he found Stokes and his sons in a marshy area near Mallard Fork after they were spotted by a Coast Guard helicopter. He said they were wet and scratched up from the sharp edges of palmettos. All three were treated and released from USA Medical Center Monday.

For more than nine hours after the Stokeses were found at 3:30 p.m., rescuers did nothing but search for Christian.

Mustin, Andy Braddock and Keith Gohagin spent hours tracking the boy with two beagles, Prissy and Gabby. The group usually tracks down escaped convicts for the Fountain Correctional Facility near Atmore.

## Stewards Speak Out

Editorial from the Stewards

By

Oscar Nelson, Chief Steward/ Elmore Correctional Center

The main subject of conversation in Alabama State Corrections is the shortage of Correctional Officers and increased pay for officers. We each realize all of our institutions are understaffed, and that the position (situation) we have been working under for years has been dangerous. The overcrowded situation in which our institutions are in now is hazardous. The additional influx of inmates we must now absorb makes for a very dangerous situation. One important element that as usual is being overlooked in this equation is the Steward staff of our institutions. Please understand we agree our institutions are short of officers but we are also short of Stewards. One of the main reasons of our Steward shortage is the poor, substandard pay we as Stewards' receive. I am in favor of each person earning the very best possible including fellow stewards and myself. I feel the Steward pay rate is not a true reflection of our training and years of experience. I have twenty-five (25) years Military Food Service experience, additional years of overseas civilian contract food service and restaurant managerial experience before coming to the ADOC. Now after eleven (11) years of State Correctional Steward duty my pay grade is the same as that of a 25-30 year old Correctional Officer II (Sgt.). Many other Stewards have similar food service backgrounds. Something here just does not equate. The Steward pay grade system and title does not lend itself to the years of study and many years spent working to become proficient at what we do. ■

## ASCA Update

SUBMITTED BY ANNIE LATIMORE—Recently, members of the ASCA were allowed to attend the ACCD/ASCA Fall Study Conference held at the Sheraton Civic Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

There were many interesting speakers and topics of conversation. We were fortunate to hear from State Treasurer Kay Ivey and Jeffery Mattox, of the U.S. Attorney's Office, whose topic included "Fighting Terrorism in Alabama". Also, our own Commissioner, Donal Campbell, participated in the "Agency Panel" workshop along with many others.

ACCD/ASCA Fall Study Conference for 2004 promises to be even better with retired Warden Elaine Lewis as President. We will be going to Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. Make plans to attend.

### ASCA named new officers for the upcoming year:

President - Annie Latimore (Staton)

Vice President - Rodney Thornton (Draper)

Treasurer - Linda Miller (Central Office)

Secretary - Sandra Butler (Program Services)

### Members at Large:

Dorothy Goode (Limestone)

Grantt Culliver (Holman)

George Quillman (Donaldson)

Steve Watson (Alex City CBF)

Velma Brewer (Bibb)

\*Open Position

Brenda Marcus (Bullock CBF)

We are currently looking to replace retired Warden Elaine Lewis in the central region to cover the following listed institutions; Draper: Staton, Elmore, Frank Lee and Tutwiler. Any interested person may contact an ASCA officer.

ASCA is sponsoring a membership drive. Any current ASCA member who signs up ten new paying members is eligible to receive \$100.00. This effort is restricted to individuals. (Only one person not a group)

Correctional Officers and Employees!

Come on - Join ASCA Ranks. ■

## Fifth ADOC Academy Class Set For Graduation

Selma- The Alabama Corrections Academy will graduate the year's fifth Correctional Officer training class during a ceremony November 13, 2003. Thirty-five officers will graduate from an intensive 12-week training program, certifying them among the highest trained law enforcement officers in the state. According to the Southern Legislative Conference report on Adult Correctional Systems, the Alabama Department of Corrections leads the sixteen state southeast region in the amount of formal classroom training for correctional officers. Upon graduation, each new officer is certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards Training Commission. Training then continues, as each officer is required to complete an additional forty hours of inservice training per calendar year.

For officers, the graduation ceremony represents more than 480 hours of classroom training, interpersonal communication, stress management and physical fitness. Five graduating classes in 2003 will add more than 200 officers to the ADOC staff statewide. However, due to recent and ongoing military action, 150 correctional officers and 4 support personnel remain on active duty.

The Corrections Academy graduation is set for 10:30 a.m., November 13, in the Alabama Corrections Academy Auditorium, 353 Avenue C, Selma. Selma Chief of Police Robert Green will be the Commencement Speaker.

The Department of Corrections welcomes your attendance. ■

## Female Inmates Return To Alabama

MONTGOMERY - The first of more than 300 female inmates incarcerated at the South Louisiana Correctional Facility in Basile, Louisiana has returned to the state of Alabama. In April, 2003, in an attempt to reduce overcrowded, unsafe conditions at the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women and in an effort to comply with a federal court order, the Alabama Department of Corrections looked to out of state facilities for a means of alternative housing. ADOC remains court compliant by maintaining a population of 750 inmates or below at Tutwiler's main campus. Thirty female inmates returned to Tutwiler Friday, October 31st. 277 Alabama inmates remain at the South Louisiana Correctional Center.

Built in 1942 and originally designed to accommodate 364 inmates, Tutwiler held more than 12-hundred females in January of '03, operating at 226% of capacity. Recognizing this growing crisis, Governor Bob Riley suggested and the Alabama Legislature approved supplemental appropriations to ADOC and the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Through special parole dockets, expanded Community Corrections and alternative out of state housing, the total population at Tutwiler (main campus and annex) has decreased to an average of 950 in October. The count as of October 31st is 978, including 30 inmates returned from Louisiana. Tutwiler continues to operate at an excessively high 193% of capacity. Overall, the ADOC population remains extremely overcrowded, with an in-house population of almost 27-thousand inmates living in facilities designed to hold less than 13-thousand.

1,423 Alabama male inmates are incarcerated at the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility in Tutwiler, Mississippi. Other inmates, both male and female, will return to Alabama as space become available. ■

## Community Corrections County Totals Fiscal Year 2003

2003	Institutional Diversions	Front-End Diversions	Total Diversions	Felon Point Total	\$15 Days	Invoiced Amount	\$10 Days	Invoiced Amount	\$5 Days	Invoiced Amount	Total Invoice per Month
Calhoun	0	4	4	11	61	915	10	100	875	4,375	\$5,390.00
Cherokee	14	2	16	0	93	1,395	2,073	20,730	397	1,985	\$24,110.00
Cullman	5	47	52	13	4,381	65,715	2,437	24,370	2,237	11,185	\$101,270.00
DeKalb	22	84	106	13	6,012	90,180	4,837	48,370	10,869	54,345	\$192,895.00
Escambia	1	0	1	0	0	0	14	140	0	0	\$140.00
Etowah	26	43	69	11	2,649	39,735	4,071	40,710	1,560	7,800	\$88,245.00
Fayette	5	29	34	12	2,997	44,955	1,570	15,700	2,291	11,455	\$72,110.00
Franklin	32	17	49	12	1,817	27,255	2,420	24,200	1,907	9,535	\$60,990.00
Geneva	0	2	2	24	44	660	93	930	241	1,205	\$2,795.00
Houston	72	9	81	12	730	10,950	9,209	92,090	421	2,105	\$105,145.00
Jackson	0	13	13	12	827	12,405	340	3,400	882	4,410	\$20,215.00
Jefferson	30	349	379	12	25,754	386,310	10,265	102,650	7,821	40,045	\$529,005.00
Lauderdale	7	58	65	12	3,743	56,145	5,078	50,780	2,660	13,300	\$120,225.00
Lawrence	2	6	8	3	194	2,910	61	610	0	0	\$3,520.00
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Marshall	21	37	58	12	2,367	35,505	2,642	26,420	2,478	12,390	\$74,315.00
Mobile	41	465	506	13	32,152	482,280	19,255	192,550	50,267	251,335	\$926,165.00
Montgomery	5	60	65	13	5,932	88,980	2,916	29,160	4,334	21,670	\$139,810.00
Shelby	0	93	93	12	8,407	126,105	2,068	20,680	3,792	18,960	\$165,745.00
Tuscaloosa	0	97	97	14	3,180	47,700	2,544	25,440	6,402	32,165	\$105,305.00
Walker	56	0	56	0	0	0	5,278	52,780	1,965	9,825	\$62,605.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1415</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>101,340</b>	<b>\$1,520,100.00</b>	<b>77,181</b>	<b>\$771,810.00</b>	<b>101,399</b>	<b>\$508,090.00</b>	<b>\$2,800,000.00</b>

•Average Reimbursement per County for Diversions (YTD)<sup>1</sup> .. **\$1,526.25**

•Yearly ALDOC Cost per Diversion<sup>2</sup>..... **\$1,596.35**    **\$4.37**

•Average # of Days per Diversion<sup>3</sup> ..... **160**

•Average Days Billed per Month (YTD)<sup>4</sup>..... **23,327**

•Average ALDOC Cost per Day in Program (YTD)<sup>5</sup> ..... **\$10.00**

<sup>1</sup>Total reimbursement per Diversion by County / # of counties

<sup>2</sup>Total Invoiced / Total Diversions

<sup>3</sup>Sum of the number of \$15, \$10, and \$5 days / # of Diversions

<sup>4</sup>Sum of the number of \$15, \$10, and \$5 days / (12) months

<sup>5</sup>Total invoiced / sum of the number of \$15, \$10, and \$5 days

Contracted:	<b>\$ 2,741,030<sup>00</sup></b>
Used:	<b>\$ 2,800,000<sup>00</sup></b>
Difference:	<b>\$ 58,970<sup>00</sup></b>



## Transferred Convicts Like Tutwiler Best

### Two prisoners say they missed seeing their families while doing their time in Louisiana

BY MIKE CASON/ MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER—NOV. 9, 2003

WETUMPKA -- Michelle Bankston began crying as she talked about the night seven months ago when prison officers told her to pack a few belongings and get ready for a bus ride to Louisiana.

Eleven years into a 25-year sentence for murdering her husband, Bankston, 35, lived in the honors dorm at Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women, reserved for the best-behaved inmates. She worked as a groundskeeper, collected cross-stitching and crafts, took a college algebra course by mail and found a level of normalcy as she awaited her next chance at parole.

"Warden Deese walked in and she said, 'Ladies, y'all have been chosen to be sent to Louisiana,'" Bankston recalled. "It was very traumatic. It's not like I ever call this my home, because I don't. But when you've done that much time here, it's hard to accept change."

State prison officials began sending prisoners to Louisiana on April 13, and Bankston was in the first group. The transfers came after U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson found that Tutwiler inmates were subject to cruel and unusual punishment, a violation of the Eighth Amendment, because the prison was so crowded. Alabama has no other prison for women.

In all, the state shipped 309 inmates to South Louisiana Correctional Facility in Basile, La, from April through June.

The state promised Thompson it would drop Tutwiler's population from more than 1,000 to 750 by June and achieved that goal, partly because of the transfers and partly because of a new push for early paroles of nonviolent offenders.

Last month, with Tutwiler's population holding steady at just more than 700, Prison Commissioner Donal Campbell returned 30 inmates, including Bankston, to Alabama. More will return as space becomes available, Tutwiler Warden Gladys Deese said.

Brian Corbett, spokesman for the Department of Corrections, said it's not clear when that will happen.

"The governor has stated many times that he hopes to have all of those inmates returned within a one-year time period," Corbett said. "That is a goal. But there has to be available bed space."

The state prison system has approximately 27,000 inmates and the main prisons are housing twice the number they were designed for. The state has no plans to build more prisons and is working to grant early paroles to 5,000 to 6,000 inmates to reduce crowding.

The state also has transferred 1,423 male inmates to a private facility in Tutwiler, Miss., this year.

Now back at the Wetumpka prison, Bankston has not yet settled into her old routine. She lost her job as groundskeeper at J.F. Ingram Technical School in nearby Deatsville, which had earned her the nickname "Landscape Barbie." She said the Louisiana facility was newer and cleaner with air conditioning and better food. But she's glad to be back.

"If I could, I would bring the food here and the air here," Bankston said.

Bankston hasn't seen her parents, Jan and James Buckhalt of Houston County, since the transfer.

"It was really, really bad," Jan Buckhalt said. "It was very stressful. . . . We have not seen her since March."

The Buckhalts will visit their daughter at Tutwiler next on Nov. 16, resuming a routine of twice-monthly visits.

Other inmate families were strained by the moves out of state.

Tammy Birdwell, 40, would like to make Dec. 13 arrive sooner. On that day, she'll see her son, Corey, for the first time since June, when she was shipped to Louisiana. Birdwell returned to Tutwiler on the Oct. 31 bus with Bankston.

"I've never gone but a couple of months without seeing him, and it's been horrible," Birdwell said.

Corey Bankston, 15, is a tackle on the Lauderdale County High School football team. He saw his mother once a month before the move to Louisiana.

"Once a month seemed like a long time to wait but it's ridiculous now," said Corey, who lives in Lauderdale County. "It's made it really, really hard."

Corey, who weighs 205 pounds, plans to greet his mother enthusiastically when he gets to see her.

"I'm probably going to grab her and pick her up like I normally do," Corey said. "She's got one picture of me from the spring. She hasn't even seen me since I've been playing football."

Birdwell is seven years into a 20-year sentence for manslaughter. Her visits with Corey are important.

"We just talk. I have a really talkative son and he has a really talkative mom. I want to know everything he does every day," Birdwell said.

Though neither Birdwell nor Bankston wanted to go to Louisiana, the transfers have made some things better at Tutwiler, they said. They both live in the honors dorm, where the inmate count has dropped from 80 to 60. Overall, the main Tutwiler facility housed 747 inmates on Thursday, about 270 fewer than its peak last year.

"The noise level has gone down, and that's a major factor," Birdwell said. "When you have 80, you're going to have about 10 who wake up in a bad mood, and it's going to rub off on other people."

Changes at Tutwiler are most apparent in Dorm 9, the prison's largest. Before the transfers and early paroles relieved crowding, 238 inmates lived there. The double bunks were grouped so closely that officers could not see from one end to the other, a factor cited by Thompson last year in his 68-page ruling.

Today, the dorm has 151 inmates. The four middle rows are now single bunks, improving visibility.

"The inmates are calmer. They enjoy the downsizing in the population," Deese said.

Deese said the prison has been able to set up a seven-bed hospital ward, which it did not have before. She also has office space now for the prison's mental health staff.

Still, Deese said the state needs a new prison for women. Tutwiler was built in 1942 to house 364 inmates.

Thompson's ruling last year stemmed from a lawsuit filed by 15 inmates in 2002.

Tamara Serwer, an attorney for the Southern Center for Human Rights, which represents the inmates, said a trial in the case is set for next June. Inmates claim the prison is operated in an unsafe manner and fails to provide basic needs, such as medical care and mental health care.

Serwer also fought to have the out-of-state transfers blocked.

She said separation from family, like Birdwell and Bankston experienced, was a major reason the attorneys asked Thompson to block the transfers.

"The lack of connection to family and burden on family was one of the issues that we thought made the transfers of women out of state most counterproductive," Serwer said.

The judge did not move to block the transfers and said he wanted to give the state a chance to work its own plan to solve the crowding problem.

Serwer agreed that Tutwiler is now a safer place. But she does not think holding the population to approximately 750 inmates is enough.

"There's no question the decrease in population has been an improvement," Serwer said. "We certainly never agreed that 750 is a magic number. Frankly, I think 600 is a much better goal."

Serwer said the long-term solution is more punishment options besides prison for drug offenders and nonviolent offenders.

Deese said a Tutwiler population of 750 inmates is a "workable number," but she would like to see it smaller.

She said the state needs a second facility for female prisoners. But after the defeat of Gov. Bob Riley's tax package on Sept. 9, she wonders if the public understands the need.

"If you want them to do the time, then you've got to pay for it," Deese said. "It's not cheap."

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## Around the State Bulletin Board News

### Alabama Corrections Academy

•The Alabama Corrections Academy will graduate Class 2003-05 on November 13th, 2003. A total of 35 new Correctional Officers will enter our profession. This is the 5th and final Basic Correctional Officer Training Class for 2003. As of October 31st, 2003, the Academy has graduated 172 Correctional Officers.

•The Academy will conduct four Basic Correctional Officer classes in 2004 and those dates are as follows:

- Class 2004-01> January 10 – April 1
- Class 2004-02> April 3 – June 24
- Class 2004-03> July 17 – October 7
- Class 2004-04> August 28 – November 18

•The third and final 80-Hour Refresher/Lateral Entry Session of the year concluded on 30 October 2003 with seven Correctional Officers completing the 80-Hour course. In 2003, a total of eighteen Correctional Officers successfully completed the Refresher/Lateral Entry Course.

### Alex City CBF

•ACCBF still has two Sergeants (Michael Adair and Christopher Clark) activated with the military. Both are in Iraq. We anticipate them being away from home approximately 8-9 more months.

We pray for their safe return.

•On September 4, 2003, we held our 2nd Annual Open House, and consolidated a Salute to the Military during the same program. We celebrated our 29th year of existence.

•We welcomed new employees to the facility:  
Georgia Staples - ASA I  
Lavina Burt - Drug Treatment Counselor

#### •Service pins:

Account Clerk (PMOD) Audrey Kelley- 5 yr  
Sgt. Michael Adair-10 yr  
Officer Ronnie Dillard- 10 yr  
Officer McArthur Whetsone- 20 yr  
Sgt. Perry Kevin Sasser- 20 yr  
Sgt. Blake Turner - 20 yr  
Lt. Dianna Harrison- 20 yr

### Atmore CBF

•Atmore Community Based Facility recently obtained the services of a drug treatment counselor to initiate an aftercare program.

•Lonnie Richardson, employed to direct this program, is returning to ADOC as a drug treatment counselor, and is no stranger to aftercare. Mr. Richardson facilitated the Pathfinder's Aftercare Program at Ventress Correctional Facility for approximately three and one-half years and

also assisted staff members with the Crime Bill.

•Atmore Community Based Facility can now be recognized as another ADOC facility with qualified treatment staff providing quality treatment services.

•It is the intention of A.C.B.F.'s staff to guide this facility toward being one of the most efficient and effective community-based facilities in the state. We aim to provide services that will demonstrate to our community that; CORRECTIONS IS WORKING!

### Bullock

•Congratulations to Officer Jennie Ousley, COI on her promotion to COII (Sergeant) at Elba Community Based Facility, effective October 4, 2003

•On October 20, 2003, ASEA provided a luncheon for BCCF staff as well as conducted a recruitment drive. The Luncheon was enjoyed by all and [10] new members were recruited.

•We are happy to announce the return of the following officers from Operation Iraqi Freedom: Robert Washington, COI, Malcolm Jacobs, COI, Sammy Miles, COI and Brandon Holmes, COI. Let us continue to pray for the [18] officers and their families who are still deployed from BCCF.

•Congratulations to Sgt. Janet Hicks on her promotion to Lieutenant (COSI) at Frank Lee Youth Center.



*Pictured Left to Right Lt. Henry Perkins, Lt. Janet Hicks, and Capt. Sylvester Nettles*

### Camden CBF

•Camden Community Based Facility welcomed two new members to the staff at Camden. **Carter F. Davenport** was promoted to Warden I at Camden effective 20 SEPTEMBER 2003. Warden Davenport came to Camden from Tutwiler Prison for Women. **Ms. Rosalyn Childress** joined the staff as an Administrative Support Assistant I on 20 OCTOBER 2003. Ms. Childress was assigned to the Business Office to work with assisting the Business Manager.

•Lieutenant Ronald Sellers, who is presently serv-

ing in the Army National Guard in Iraq, recently visited the center while on two weeks leave. Lt. Sellers is doing well and the Staff of Camden Community Based Facility ask that everyone keep Lt. Sellers and all other military personnel serving during this present conflict in their prayers.

•Officer Willie Allen, who is also presently serving in the Army National Guard, is now stationed at Fort Benning, GA. Officer Allen sustained a hand injury and is recuperating. Officer Allen hopes to rejoin the staff at Camden in the very near future.

### Central Classification

•Central Classification is proud to announce that two of its members have joined the exclusive ranks of the 25-year club. Paul Whaley made it August 23rd and Mike Slatton paid his dues on September 6th. Both of these are welcome additions to the other Central Classification Staff in this club, as we look ahead to others making this elite status within the next year.

### Donaldson

•On January 31, 2003, Mr. Ben Porter, COI, retired from Donaldson Correctional Facility. Mr. Porter served as a Correctional Officer for a total of fifteen years. Mr. Porter was a dedicated and devoted employee. Mr. Porter was assigned to the third shift population, and he was an asset to third shift. Mr. Porter will be missed and we at Donaldson, wishes him well during his retirement.

•On September 30, 2003, Mr. Lawrence Johnston, COI, retired from Donaldson Correctional Facility. Mr. Johnston served as a Correctional Officer I for a total of nineteen years. Mr. Johnston was a dedicated and devoted employee. Mr. Johnston was assigned to the third shift population and he was an asset to third shift. Mr. Johnston will be missed and we at Donaldson, wishes him well during his retirement.

•On October 10, 2003, Warden Stephen Bullard was a guest speaker as the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Warden Bullard spoke with two different groups of students. One group was the introduction to Criminal Justice, and the other one was a Criminal Justice Management Course. Warden Bullard spoke on the general/daily operation of the facility and inmate culture. The above mentioned subjects fielded a large number of questions.

•During the months of June, 2003 to November 15, 2003, the following employees were awarded service pins for their years of service:

**Twenty Years:** Officer Nathan Cash, Officer Alfred Coleman, Capt. Marion Espy, Sgt. James Beachem, Charles Romine – Maintenance Supervisor, Officer Ronald Young, Sgt. Terry Barron, Lt. Michael Reynolds, Capt. Jimmie Richburg; **Fifteen Years:** Officer James Hudson; **Twelve Years:** Roscoe Hayden - Maintenance; **Ten Years:** Officer Charles Willis, Officer Stanley Staten, Officer Mitch Etheridge, Officer Victor Maize, Officer Olivia Ford; **Five Years:** Officer LaShun Rembert, Officer Willie Heflin.

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•On October 16, 2003, onsite testing for new potential employees was conducted at Donaldson Correctional Facility. Several of Donaldson's employees, to include the medical department, assisted with the onsite testing. Appreciation goes out to all that assisted. Also, lunch was prepared for all employees who assisted. Again, thank you for all who assisted.

•On November 6, 2003, Deputy Warden Leeposey Daniels was transferred from Donaldson Correctional Facility to the Montgomery Work Release and SIR. Deputy Warden Daniels was assigned to Donaldson as the Deputy Warden approximately two and a half years ago. Deputy Warden Daniels will be missed. Donaldson appreciates the time he spent with us, and we wish him well in his new endeavors. Deputy Warden Rodney Huntley was transferred from Draper Correctional Facility to Donaldson as the Deputy Warden. We would like to welcome him aboard.

•Ms. Betty Stevenson, Classification Specialist, is currently off work due to her undergoing surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Stevenson and her family on a speedy recovery.

•On November 10, 2003, Officer Stanley Thomas was rushed to the hospital due to a severe tightening of the chest. It was later revealed that Officer Thomas was moved from one hospital to another for emergency surgery due to the main artery splitting. It was later revealed that Officer Thomas had to have another surgery with a prognosis of not looking too good. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Officer Thomas and his family.

•Captain Marion Espy retired from Donaldson Correctional Facility as of November 1, 2003, with twenty years and five months of service. A retirement luncheon will be held on November 20, 2003, at The Home Plate Diner in Hueytown, Alabama, at 11:00 a.m. He will be missed, and we at Donaldson, wishes him well on his retirement.

## Draper

•We are proud to have on our staff Capt. Rondey Thornton who transferred from Bibb CF and Warden II Jeffery Williams who transferred from Montgomery WR.

•We had three cadets to complete the Academy - C. Dennis, C. Hatcher, & D. Scullock. Congratulations!!

•Mrs. Brenda Boyd and Mrs. Marcella Smith completed another 8-week ISAP. Dr. Gloria Thompkins completed a 6-month Crime Bill with speakers, food, fun etc.

•Chaplain Whiting, Officer Griggs, and Classification Specialist Tuck completed another 12 week Fatherhood Initiative program with a Family/Father's Day with games, food, and love shared by all.

•(See thank you letter at end of this section.)

## Easterling

•Congratulations to the following Easterling Employees upon their selection as "Employees of the Quarter":

- Myra Peters, Ac count Clerk, Support
- Wayne Rodgers, COI, Officer
- Christopher Gordy, COSI, Supervisor

•Congratulations to Captain Jeffery Knox and the South Central Team for capturing the Coordinator's Cup at Annual Training in Selma. Easterling officers on the team are Michael Wallace, Terry Anthony, Frederick Jones, and Matthew Jordan.

•First Shift hosted a fish fry with all the trimmings for the Shift and Admin Staff on October 21, 2003.

•Service pins were presented to COI Mary Jordan for 15 yrs. and COI Gerald Wagner for 5 yrs.

•Easterling Staff welcomes COIs Lester Grimsley and Eric Giles who recently graduated from the Academy. Rondell Dennis, Willie Gosha, and Demetrius Williams are currently at the Academy, and Anthony Fenn, Anthony McLendon, Derrick Oates, Willie Balckshire, Roddrick Johnson, and Darrick Singleton are Pre-Academy Cadets.

•We continue to keep our fifteen activated employees in our prayers as they serve in "Operation Enduring Freedom" or in Iraqi Freedom". October 22, 2003, Ret. Col. Glen Dunlap presented Warden Mosley a Certificate of Appreciation for Employer's Support of Guard and Reserve.

•Maintenance Staff Cecil Robinson and Martin Rhodes completed training for Micronet Perimeter Security Systems and John Robinson and Michael Lingo attended the Boiler Training Seminar sponsored by D.R.M.

•Warden Mosley attended the ACCD Conference in Birmingham, October 15-17, 2003.

•Warden Jones attended the ASEA Convention in Point Clear, October 29-31, 2003.



## Elmore

John E. Nagle, Warden III/Charles "Ike" Hadley, Warden II

•Elmore has three new cadets that began their OJT

October 6, 2003. They are Stanley Lee, James Hess and Michael Lee. We welcome them to Elmore.

•Classification Supervisor, Stephanie D. Atchison transferred to Kilby Correctional Facility as Classification Supervisor September 19, 2003. We had a grand luncheon at "Miss Mary's" in Millbrook for Ms. Atchison with an outstanding attendance from all of the employees and co-workers at Elmore. Ms. Atchison had been at Elmore since February 1995. As much as she is missed we all wish her the very best at Kilby.

•Ashley Slatton, Classification Specialist at Elmore was promoted to the Classification Supervisor position October 14, 2003. Mrs. Slatton has been in classification since February 1982 and at Elmore since January 1990. We wish her well in her new position.

•The Faith Dorm at Elmore will have their Holiday Family Night December 6, 2003. The inmates are looking forward to this event.

•The Drug Treatment Program has some news --- Lou Ann Schleeter joined the staff as a Drug Treatment Counselor June 3, 2003. She came to us from Rock Island, Illinois where she was employed with Family Resources as an adult sexual assault therapist. Ms. Schleeter also worked at the Trinity Medical Center in the Substance Abuse Unit with both inpatient and outpatient addicts and alcoholics. Ms. Schleeter had a softball scholarship to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. She completed her undergraduate degree in Community Health Studies and Psychology. She received her Masters degree in Counseling and Education. Among her favorite pastimes, Ms. Schleeter enjoys softball and scrap booking. We welcome Ms. Schleeter and hope that she has found a home with us at Elmore.

•Don Dietz, a veteran drug and relapse prevention instructor, completed his Masters degree from Auburn University at Montgomery August 1, 2003. Mr. Dietz received his masters in Justice and Public Safety. We are very proud of you Mr. Dietz.

•Elmore provides an eight week SAP and a four-week Relapse Prevention program. There are four classes being taught at all times. There are 25 inmates in each class and as of November 28 we will have graduated eleven substance abuse classes and ten relapse prevention classes.

•It has been over a year now since the disastrous fire at Elmore Recycle Center. Rebuilding and enlargement of the Center has been under way. The site work has been completed and we are ready for the foundation to be poured. Elmore employees want to extend a hearty Thank You to ACI and the ADOC Engineers for all of the help they have provided in this huge project. At the time the fire occurred Recycling had just come out of the red and was beginning to show a profit. In less than eighteen months, the Recycling Center has once again become a profit making industry at Elmore. The security and general operations have been done and/or supervised by Lt. Ricky Dennis, Officer Howard Robinson, Officer Thomas Mitchell and Officer Jerry Miller. Officer David Steele and Mr. Arthur



Thomas drive the trucks and Mr. Arthur Thomas is also the heavy equipment operator.

•The Elmore Kitchen operated on the lowest food costs in the fiscal year 2002-2003 and are continuously in competition with other major institutions. The kitchen has done an exceptional job in providing tasty meals to the inmates with virtually no complaints. This exceptional work was done for one year without a mixer (everything had to be mixed by hand). Chief Steward Oscar Nelson and his Stewards, James Jones, Sam Thomas, and Horace James have maintained a positive outlook and done the near impossible with very little. We at Elmore want you all to know how much you are appreciated. Thank you for all of the many things that you do for the employees.

•The Elmore regional laundry was the first regional laundry to be opened and was designed to be more cost effective. Elmore has been operating with the same washers and dryers since the December 1993 opening. For the fiscal year 2002-2003, the laundry handled 2.6 million pounds of clothes for Draper, Staton, Frank Lee, Elmore and Alex City work release. The laundry operation has been supervised by Ralph Perkins, Laundry Manager II and Clara Summerlin, Laundry Manager I. The other Laundry Manager I, Charles Williams has been in Iraq since March 2003 and is still overseas. Your work at Elmore is such an important part of the daily operations of this facility and is very much appreciated. Please keep Charles Williams and his family in your prayers. We hope he will be home soon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE FROM ALL OF US ON "ELMORE HILL"

### Frank Lee Youth Center

•Congratulations to Lt. Timothy Hewlett for a job well done at Frank Lee Youth Center. On October 4, 2003, Lt. Hewlett was promoted to Captain at Tutwiler Prison for Women.

•Drug Treatment Counselor, Mr. Bill Evans, graduated his first SAP class at Frank Lee Youth Center on September 4, 2003. Continue the good work.

•Drug Treatment Counselor, Mr. Michael Farris, held a graduation ceremony for his latest SAP class on October 17, 2003. Thanks you for the excellent work.

•Sgt. Vivian Jackson rejoined the FLYC staff on November 3, 2003, after being activated for many months. Sgt. Jackson served her country honorably in Iraq.



Captain Timothy Hewlett, formerly a Lt. of Frank Lee Youth Center, now works at Tutwiler.

### Fountain/J.O. Davis

•The G.K. Fountain Search Party Team was able to rescue 10 year old Christian Poole who was lost in the Mobile/Tensaw River Delta on Oct. 7, 2003.

•Fountain provided a welcoming/get acquainted breakfast for new employees recently. Those welcomed were: Ms. Angelia Knight, ASA I - Fountain mailroom, Ms. Che'Quita Chaney, Fountain Drug Treatment Counselor, Ms. Debbie Patterson, ASA II - J.O. Davis Unit, Capt. Tony Patterson, Fountain. The breakfast was excellent and staff participation was outstanding.

•Ms. Che'Quita Chaney, FCC Drug Treatment Counselor, is currently training with Ms. Yosha Wallace, J.O. Davis Drug Treatment Counselor. We are fortunate to have Ms. Wallace at J.O. Davis. We feel that her experience and expertise will be beneficial to Ms. Chaney as Ms. Chaney prepares to implement Fountain's inaugural Drug Treatment class.

•There have been several new additions to staff families. Officer Barry Dunning and wife are the proud parents of Barry Walter Dunning. Cadet William Nottke and wife are the proud parents of Emory Ann Nottke.

•Employees from G.K. Fountain and Atmore Work Release have formed a committee to organize a Southern Region Christmas Ball. This event will be a formal or semi-formal event and is scheduled for December 20, 2003 from 8:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. at the Atmore Lions Community Center. All ADOC employees are invited. RSVP is required. Committee members may be contacted for RSVP. Those committee members are: Terry Quarker - FCC; Wilma Wilson - FCC; Diane Taylor - FCC; B.J. Dansby - FCC; Sgt. Mary Cooks - Atmore Work Release, and Sgt. Steven Lane - FCC.

•Employee awards: **Security Supervisor of the Quarter**—Sgt. Steven Lane; **Security Officer of the Month**—Edwin Lashley; **Support Employee of the Month**—Charles Pace

•Sgt. Joseph Anderson, who is deployed and stationed in Baghdad, was home for 2 weeks R&R. Sgt. Anderson brought a couple of souvenirs from Iraq as well as some photos of Sgt. Anderson and two other military personnel sitting in gold chairs. As Sgt. Anderson left to prepare for his return to Iraq, we wished him good luck and a safe journey. We hope Sgt. Anderson will return to us in June or July 2004.

•Since Capt. Tony Patterson arrived at Fountain, Capt. David Martinie has been reassigned to the J.O. Davis Facility. Capt. Martinie has refocused efforts on cleanup, maintenance needs and inmate accountability. We are excited about the progress that is being made at J.O. Davis. Capt. Martinie has found a few things at J.O. Davis that had been lost for years.

•The staff of Fountain/Davis sponsored a fish fry for Boss's Day on Oct. 16th. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. It was also Warden Jerry Ferrell's birthday. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.

•Fountain experienced a haunting HALLOWEEN!

Support employees were allowed to don their most creative attire. Those who participated were: Sharon Stansbury, B.J. Dansby, Angela Scarbrough, Emma Holder, Patrick McKay, Jo Edeker, LaMonica Lee, and Laura Philyaw. OH! What a hallowing experience we had. This day officially marked the end of Octoberfest. We will now turn our focus to Novemberfest.

### Holman

•Service pins were awarded to the following personnel—**25 Years:** Eddie Davidson, Bradley Stutts; **15 years:** Michael Fuqua; **10 Years:** Louis Lombardi.

Congratulations to each of these employees for their years of service to the Department.

•Congratulations are also due to the following employees for being recognized by their peers for outstanding work: **Supervisor of the Quarter**—Lt. Clarica Gamble; **COI-Employee of the Month August**—Robert Jackson; **COI-Employee of the Month September**—Anthony Stonewall.

•There are many positive changes taking place at W.C. Holman Correctional Facility. The physical structure is being cleaned up and made to look better. The main hallway has been painted and the inmate visitation area has been air-conditioned. Work has been done on the towers to improve working conditions there as well.

•Chaplain Summers is working with the fourth group of Long Distance Dad's, which is part of the National Fatherhood Initiative Program.

•Honor Dorm residents were rewarded with a Family Night held on two consecutive Friday evenings in October. Approximately 40 family members and guests attended bringing food to the 53 residents who qualified to participate. The event was held on Holman's visitation yard and was extremely successful.

### Institutional Services

•On Sept. 5, 2003 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, Barbara Holly, CDM, CCFP, CFPP Food Service Specialist for the Alabama Dept. of Corrections was awarded the Doctorate of Foodservice.

"The board of Directors of the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers bestows this recognition for exemplary service to the foodservice industry."

### Kilby

•Kilby welcomes our new Classification Supervisor, Stephanie Atchinson. We are grateful and appreciative of the work Judy Holloway accomplished while at Kilby and wish her best of luck at REHF.

•Kilby is happy to announce the retirement of Chaplain Coley Chestnut. He will be sorely missed and we wish him luck on his new endeavors.

•Kilby is proud of its renovation to one of its dorms. A lot of hard work was put in by the inmates and the staff.



•Kilby is also proud of the new residence constructed for the K-9 Captain. We are proud of this work accomplished by the inmates and the staff.

•Kilby enters its fourth session of its Long Distant Dads program that is cultivating much success. Thanks go out to Officer Calvin Williams for dedicating his personal time for this program.

### Limestone

•Congratulations to James Smith who was promoted from Correctional Officer I to Sergeant.

•On August 11, 2003 Limestone Correctional Facility, under the direction of Warden III Billy Mitchem, opened the Limestone Correctional Facility Sandwich Line. Under the supervision of Administrative Lieutenant Richard Frasier and Canteen Manager Dwayne Crenshaw, the Sandwich Line has been a profitable success and welcomed by inmates. In the first 46 days of operation, the Sandwich Line has grossed \$71,524.80.

•Limestone Correctional Facility's Bus Squads have been extremely busy. They have worked at numerous schools and County Commissioner districts. Many letters of appreciation/commendations were received from area principals and commissioners.

- Congratulations to Security Employee of the Quarter -- Reuben Strong.
- Congratulations to Support Employee of the Quarter -- Jeff Turner.
- The following personnel received service pins:
- Dan Halcom/Classification Specialist  
25 years (Retirement effective November 01, 2003)
- Stacy Franks, COI/5 years
- Wanda Jones, COI/15 years
- Sara Morrel/Laundry Manager/15 years
- Darwin Halbrooks COI/15 years
- Stephen AuBuchon COII/5 years
- Michael Edwards, COI/5 years

### Loxley Community Work Center/ Work Release

•Congratulations and appreciation was expressed to Pam McCafferty and Officer Warren Smith with a presentation of 15 year service pins at the September Staff meeting.

•Officer Henry Gardner was welcomed back to the facility after a safe return from a two-year active military assignment.

•Mr. Gerald Moore was selected to fill the vacant Correctional Officer I position and began his correction career on October 20, 2003.

•Congratulations to Officer Anthony Hunter on his successful completion of the A.D.O.C. Training Academy and assignment to Loxley C.W.C./W.R.

•Ms. Betty Law was selected to fill the vacant Steward I position, bringing many years of institutional food preparation to compliment the steward staffing at the facility.

•Congratulations and appreciation was expressed to

Mr. Green, Steward II and Mr. Petelinski, Steward I for their accomplishments in maintaining the lowest raw food cost for A.D.O.C. facilities for the 15th consecutive month and the outstanding health inspection scores.

•Special guest for the October staff meeting was Investigator Donnie Nunley, I & I Southern Region. Mr. Nunley presented an informative presentation on the collection, preservation, identification and custody of evidence.

•The Second Anniversary of the New Way of Life Aftercare Program was celebrated on August 30, 2003. Speakers for the program were Reverend Tommy Waites and Dr. Kenneth Adams. 242 inmates participated in the ceremony and 198 received Aftercare Certificates for completion of the program criteria. Dr. Adams expressed continued support from Faulkner State Community College in providing assistance and resources for the participants to achieve a G.E.D. Nine inmates were recognized for achieving a G.E.D. Inmate instructors were recognized for volunteering their time to tutor inmates eager to earn a diploma. The Loxley Unity Gospel Group provided music. At the completion of the program, the participants and guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch.

•The second annual Youth Day was held on November 06, 2003. The program was developed to focus the attention of the younger inmates in positive and constructive direction in preparation for their release. In order for an inmate to receive a Youth Achievement Award Certificate, he must attend development classes, write a career goal plan, secure a home plan, set education goals, establish a secure job path and obtain a mentor for aftercare support. Eligible participants for the development classes are from ages 18 to 23.

### Mobile Work Release

•The MCBF Treatment Team and inmates are giving back to the community by sharing the message of Being Free by Choice. They attend Strickland Youth Center, CITY Program and the Continuous Learning Center in Mobile, Alabama.

•Ms. Essie Montgomery, Drug Counselor at Mobile Work Release, would like to thank the Department of Corrections for their prayers and kind thoughts for her son Tardrick Rees Montgomery, who was burned in a natural gas explosion, October 6, 2003. He is now recovering at home.

•Willie Shavers and Essie Montgomery, Drug Counselors, had a successful in-service with the Parole and Probation Officers on September 19, 2003. The topics discussed were being the voice of recovery, celebrating health, and understanding the dynamics of treatment and recovery.

•The Department of Agriculture and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Alabama A&M) University and Auburn University brings Food and Nutrition classes to Mobile Work Release. Ms. Beck is teaching the inmates how to prepare nutritious foods so that they can use this knowledge when they are released.

### Red Eagle Honor Farm

•Sgt. Jimmy Taylor returned to duty from activation with the US Coast Guard.

•Sgt. Jimmy Taylor and Officer Donald Bailey received their 25 year pins.

•Officer Donald Bailey will retire effective December 1, 2003.

### St. Clair

•St. Clair honored those selected for Employee of the Quarter with a luncheon at an area restaurant. Lt. Joseph Headley earned security employee, while Account Clerk Darlene Humphrey earned recognition as support employee of the quarter. Congratulations to both of these outstanding employees.

•Warden Hooks has been working with other wardens and ADOC employees to update the Administrative Regulations. The rewrite is an ongoing project.

•St. Clair Road Squads have worked diligently in cleaning the roadsides of trash and debris in the area. The squads also helped move furniture from Gadsden State Community College to the facility campus. They also built an evidence room for the Pell City Police Department, along with completing a project at Ragland High School, laying sod. In addition, the road squads painted and carpeted portable classrooms for the St. Clair Board of Education.

•Chaplain Lyles attended a Prison Ministry Conference in Birmingham. The Kairos Community conducted a three-day session for the inmates. An area church also conducted revival for the inmates.

•STCCF received three graduates from the Academy. We have three officers scheduled to graduate in November and nine prepared to attend the next scheduled class. STCCF is only five officers short of 100% staffing.

•The St. Clair K-9 Unit competed in the Southeastern Field Trials. They placed fifth out of 28 teams in the southeast and ranked second in the state. Congratulations to our K-9 unit.

•The K-9 Unit's "Red Dog" has been selected for the Alabama Veterinarians Medical Association Hall of Fame. He was selected based on a felony apprehension as featured in the Birmingham News. The Hall of Fame induction for "Red Dog" will be a formal "black tie" affair at the Winfrey Hotel this January.

### Staton

We extend a hearty congratulations to Correctional Officer Barry Smith of Staton Correctional Facility for being awarded a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Bob Riley naming him to the prestigious Alabama Governor's Twenty for 2003.

The Alabama Governor's Twenty is made up of Alabama Law Enforcement's Top Twenty Marksmen. The Alabama Police Pistol Association was created in 1971 and is recognized by the National Rifle Association. Competi-





tions are held throughout the state and all law enforcement officers statewide compete for the prestigious Governor's Twenty. Three other ADOC employees are on the list as well, Captain David Ashley (St. Clair CF), Lt. Daniel Advant (Draper CF) and Officer John McGinty (Elmore CF)



Barry Smith of Staton

## Stewards

•Congratulations to Chief Steward Nelson of Elmore Correctional Facility and his food service staff, and also, Chief Steward Green of Loxley CBF & W/C and his food service staff.

Steward Nelson maintained the lowest raw food cost for fiscal year 2003. His cost for the year was \$.925 per inmate per day. The average for major institutions was \$1.21. Based on this average and Steward Nelson's inmate population, this represents a yearly savings of \$64,349.69. A BIG PAT ON THE BACK FOR STEWARD NELSON AND HIS STAFF !!

•Steward Green maintained the lowest raw food cost for fiscal year for Community Based Facilities. His cost for the year was \$.565 per inmate per day. The average for the centers was \$.88. Based on this average and Steward Green's inmate population, this represents a yearly savings of \$29,660.99. A BIG PAT ON THE BACK FOR STEWARD GREEN AND HIS STAFF !!

Also, to both of these men, for constantly showing up each day with a "can-do" attitude for one of the most challenging jobs the State of Alabama has to offer.

Other Major Institutions which exhibited good fiscal management and maintained a raw food cost under \$1 per inmate per day for the fiscal year were: Tutwiler, Staton, Red Eagle, and Frank Lee. Congratulations to Chief Stewards Jackson, Parker, Rowe and Williams.

No other Community Based Facilities even came close to Steward Green. He had the lowest raw food cost for 10 consecutive months for fiscal year 2003.

## Tutwiler Prison For Women

•On September 2nd, Tutwiler had a going away luncheon for Captain Patricia Hood. Captain Hood has transferred to Birmingham Work Release Center.

•On September 12th, Ms. Lorraine Taunton's daughter, Tiffany Taunton, Married Frank Knighton Jr. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

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•On September 19th, a luncheon for Carter Davenport was held at Tutwiler.

•Mr. Davenport is now Warden I at Camden Work Release Center.



Pictured from left to right: Lorraine Taunton, Volunteer Representative for the CPO foundation, Alesha Womble, and Warden Gladys Deese a long time supporter of the foundation presenting the check to Ms. Womble.

•On September 30th, Alesha Womble, Warden Deese's Secretary, had surgery and was out of work for a couple of weeks. The CPO Foundation (Correctional Peace Officers) was able to assist Ms. Womble with a check. (See photo above.)

•At the October 8th, Tutwiler Staff Meeting, the following employees received service pins: Barbara Bell (25 years), Lieutenant B. Nelson (25 years), Officer E. Franklin (20 years), Mary Shaw (15 years), Officer T. Knox (15 years), Willie Jackson (10 years), Sergeant W. Jones (10 years), Officer A. Smith (10 years), Officer M. Luster (10 years), Officer R. Golson (5 years), and Mrs. B. Scott (5 years). Also at the Staff Meeting a BIG THANK YOU was given to Ms. Holly Boyd, the secretary for the Captains, for all the help and assistance during the time Warden Albright and Ms. Womble were out sick.

•On October 13, 2003, Warden Frank Albright's mother, Fannie Mae Albright passed away. Our sympathy goes out to Warden Albright and his family. Please keep them in your prayers.

•On October 14th, a Breakfast was given honoring our two new Captains that were promoted to Tutwiler. Captain Timothy Hewlett, from Frank Lee Youth Center, and Cynthia Wheeler from Ventress Correctional Facility. A Special Welcome to the both of them.

•Congratulations to Cathleen Johnson for being promoted to Lieutenant at Tutwiler. Ms. Johnson officially starts her tour as Lieutenant on November 1st.

•The following is a list of new Mental Health Management Staff:

Dr. Sreelekha Banerjee, *Psychiatrist*; Phebe Foy, *Nurse Practitioner*; Jeanell Norvell, *Counselor MH*; Ilene Holcombe, *Counselor MH*; Carolyn Woodson, *RN - DON/MHM*; Betty M. Cox, *LPN*; Latika Henderson, *LPN*; Chasidy Burnette, *LPN*; Loretta Jeffery, *LPN*; Christy Taylor, *LPN*; Elizabeth Chaney, *MH Clerk*.

## Ventress

•Congratulations to Lt. Jimmie Henderson on his promotion to Captain at Decatur Work Release, effective 09/06/03.

•Congratulations to Lt. Cynthia Wheeler on her promotion to Captain at Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women, effective 10/04/03.

•We would like to welcome aboard Lt. Mary Taylor (2nd Shift Supervisor). Lt. Taylor joins VCF from Easterling Correctional Facility, effective 10/18/03.

•South Central CERT Team members won 1st place (The Coordinator's Cup) in the CERT competition held at the Corrections Academy in Selma 10/20/03-10/23/03. Ventress CERT Team members are Sgt. William Seals, Officers Levy Richardson, David Pullom, and Michael Holland. Congratulations, we are very proud of you all!

•Congratulations to Officer Jerome Ross on the birth of his son Jamari Rashon Ross, 7lbs 13oz born 9/14/03.

•Congratulations to Officer Jerry Taylor and Lt. Mary Taylor on the birth of their grand-daughter, Averi Layton Blankenship 5lbs 9 1/2 oz born 10/23/03.

•Ventress presently has 10 officers on active military duty: Gregory Blackmon, Levan Burroughs, Darrell Blackmon, Jerry Flucker, Gary Henderson, Randall Johnson, John McKinnon, Steve Terry, Robert Thomas, Mack Williams.

We take this opportunity to salute each of these special individuals. ■

## Thank You...

Good Morning,

As I returned to work this morning and sat at my desk I experienced many emotions, but the most important ones are love and gratitude. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ADOC family for every act of kindness shown to me and my family during the loss of my beloved Frank and Pop Johnson. I will never be the same, but we will be alright, through God's help. Frankie and Joi are healing and are back in school and doing well. My mother-in-law had to be placed in convalescence care temporarily until she is strong enough to go to Rehab. She is in good spirits. Please continue to pray for her as well as my kids and me. Again, with all my heart, I thank you all.

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## Warden Honored For Support Of Guard



BY STEPHANIE REBMAN/ ALEX  
CITY OUTLOOK- 9-5-03

Two employees of Alexander City's Community Based Facility nominated their employer, Warden Steve Watson with the Alabama Department of Corrections, as a "patriotic employer."

The Army National Guard presented Watson with the award Thursday afternoon

from Sgt. Christopher Clark, a member of the 214th Military Police out of Alexander City and Sgt. Michael Adair, a member of the 1208th Quarter Master Company out of Goodwater.

"The soldiers who worked here recognize this department and Warden Watson for their contributions to the Guard, Sgt. Mark Smith said. "During their time of employment they still had time to recognize their employer for his support."

Smith said he is amazed by the amount of support employers have provided for Tallapoosa County's activated men and women.

"It is unbelievable the support we have gotten from employers, he said. "It shows the support from the Guard and employers, and I think it shows the Guard and employers are

working together. The guard needs people and most of them serve a big part in their workplaces and employers seem to be supporting and taking care of them (guard members) and their families. The employer plays a big part in these people's lives."

Watson is proud of his employees serving the country and said "any opportunity we have to salute them I think we should."

Brian Corbett, DOC spokesperson, said the employees serving the country are a vital part of the work-release prison and the national guard force.

"We couldn't do what we do without the men and women who work at the department of corrections, and the military wouldn't be able to do what they do without their dedication as well," he said. "The department is understanding about that and the nation's security comes first. We're very proud of all our employees, especially those that have duties as military officers."

Watson said he worries about his two employees who are in harm's way and is honored they think of him as a patriotic employer.

"We've tried to maintain good communication with those activated," Watson said. "I think about them daily. They are two of the best sergeants I've ever worked around. This is a fantastic award. Anyone should love to be recognized as a patriotic employer."

More awards will come from the National Guard in the near future, with many employees overseas nominating their employers back home, Smith said.

"I have more awards coming in and more going out," he said. "I've lost count of how many awards there are. It is going on throughout the state." ■

## Tutwiler Inmates Knit Gifts



By Jannell McGrew/  
Montgomery Advertiser -10/  
23/03

WETUMPKA -- The group of female inmates sat together and quietly chatted inside the chapel of Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women. In front of them was a long table laden with scarves and baby booties and hats many of them had crocheted. For many of them, the product of their work means more than passing the time away as they serve prison

sentences. To them, it was about giving back and becoming a better person.

From left, Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women inmate Jane Ingram, Aide to Inmate Mothers volunteer Carol Potok, and inmates Phyllis Richey and Deborah Pate look at crocheted hats and scarves the inmates' faith-based program donated to the Family Sunshine Center.

-- Photos by Karen S. Doerr, Advertiser

The handmade outerwear will go to mothers and children living at the Battered Women's Shelter of the Family Sunshine Center, said LeOla Postlethwait, a chaplain at the Wetumpka prison.

"Many of the women are gaining life skills that, prior to coming here, were unknown to them," she said.

For some, it is also a welcome diversion to the harsh reality of being confined behind bars and living the monotony of prison life. The inmates are members of the prison's Faith-Based Honor Dorm, which promotes self-improvement, introspection and charitable works among inmates.

"A lot of us are here for violent crimes, and you've got to find some reason to carry on," said inmate Nancy Breckenridge, 50, who was convicted of capital murder in 1991. "Being in the faith-based dorm gives you something to look forward to," she said. Such projects are

often the highlight of an inmate's day, she said.

Anna Lee Ingalls, development coordinator for the Family Sunshine Center, attended the presentation Wednesday inside the prison chapel.

She said she was "overcome" with emotion when she was told the group wanted to donate dozens of crocheted items to the center. "It's neat, and it's a great example that there is always room to do better," Ingalls said. "Our clients often come with nothing but the clothes on their backs. It will be a very useful gift for our clients."

Approximately 60 inmates take part in the program, which is not a cakewalk to qualify for, Postlethwait said. Inmates who wish to take part in the dorm must either have a GED or be in the process of earning one. They also cannot have any disciplinary violations against them within the past year.

"The women residents in the dorm are given the opportunity to show their creativity through hand crafts, not expecting anything in return except the gratification of giving back," Postlethwait said.

The dorm is a recent merger of the prison's faith dorm and its honor dorm and has been up and running for about three months, Postlethwait said. The crochet project is one of the group's first. Female inmates in the dorm live together as a community, and they work together on the projects in their spare time, when they are not on other assignments inside the prison. Some of the women in the program now serve as mentors to other inmates.

Postlethwait said some of the inmates themselves have experienced the brutality of domestic violence. Tutwiler inmate Erlene Bibbs, 49, was convicted of murder in a domestic violence case in 2001. She helped crochet items for the center and called the project "exciting and rewarding."

"It gave me an opportunity to learn a craft that I always wanted to do," she said. "I enjoy being in the faith-based dorm because I'm around people who feel the same way I do, who want to grow, who want to do the right thing." ■

New Health Care Contract: Cont'd from pg 1

Vienna, Virginia, has been awarded a three-year contract to provide mental health treatment for ADOC inmates. The contract cost is \$29,163,855. MHM has more than eight years experience providing correctional mental health care, servicing more than 120,000 inmates in eight states. As ADOC's incumbent mental health provider, MHM is responsible for the provision of a variety of behavioral health professionals, programs and services throughout Alabama's 28,000-inmate system.

ADOC Treatment Director Ronald Cavanaugh is pleased with the level of treatment provided by MHM. "Mental Health Management is known for their expertise in providing mental health treatment. We look forward to their continued service in the State of Alabama."

Each of the two new professional service contracts is effective November 3, 2003. ■

New Firm Picked: Cont'd from pg 1

cost will rise to \$4.50 to \$5.50 per inmate per day under the new contracts.

He said Alabama will still be far below the national average of \$7.38 per day, but the services and level of care should be good enough to avoid class-action lawsuits.

An Atlanta-based human rights group sued the state in March over its care of HIV-infected inmates. A separate suit was filed in May by inmates at St. Clair Correctional Facility that alleged they were denied adequate health care.

Prison Health Service's contract is below the \$150 million proposal it initially made, but during negotiations, the state switched from having the companies assume all risks to having the state share costs if services exceed specified levels.

Cavanaugh estimated the state's share of costs could come to \$2 million to \$4 million per year.

Both contracts take effect Nov. 3. ■

No Quick Fix: Cont'd from pg 3

nonviolent offenders are sitting in prison awaiting drug treatment. Most will return to caseload supervision without available drug treatment, although most Community Corrections programs provide drug testing and treatment. These released offenders need multiple services in the context of their supervision. Without services, 56.3 percent of those paroled (Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics) will simply recycle back into the prison system. State-sponsored supervision without critical services has been proven to be inadequate.

The current approach is at odds with Riley's position during the campaign. In his "Plan For Change," the governor said, "We must also be innovative in the way we approach the rehabilitation of nonviolent offenders. Around the state, faith-based and community-based programs for juvenile delinquents and drug offenders have consistently shown low recidivism rates and a record of success in treating addicts and reforming youths. Programs often treat and rehabilitate offenders at a lesser cost than we now spend on housing prisoners. Accordingly, I will support utilizing



community and faith-based efforts to rehabilitate certain nonviolent offenders."

Apparently, this vision has not been passed along.

**Backward Looking:**

Finally, the governor's proposal looks backward for answers rather than forward. It doubles the size of a parole system that the Sentencing Commission recommended be phased out in favor of "truth in sentencing." Having judges' decisions administratively overturned, wholesale, by political appointees does not advance the cause of fixing a broken criminal justice system, nor does it restore the public's faith.

The public will support a balanced approach that keeps nonviolent offenders in the community if they make restitution, work and quit using drugs. The public supports structured alternatives to incarceration, which involve local communities in the system of justice. The public will support judges who divert offenders from prison to drug treatment (drug courts) or mental health services (mental health court). And the public will support lower probation and parole caseloads and adequate supervision and services for offenders returning from prison.

The governor should involve the Sentencing Commission, attorney general, judges, county community corrections boards, mental health and faith-based groups to build a balanced plan to efficiently reduce Alabama's prison population. The current plan as reflected in his budget is not the balanced approach we should expect for \$10 million.

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Lost in the Delta: Cont'd from pg 5

The dogs were never able to pick up a scent, so the men had to track by sight, following footprints, broken twigs and muddied water.

"We go through some bad stuff, but last night it was real bad," Mustin said Tuesday. "The terrain was so boggy and swampy. It's not like you sink up to your calves, you sink up to your knees all the time, and your waist sometimes."

They knew they were getting close when they found the guns and boots the group had left behind. The ground was so sticky they had to kick off their boots and go barefoot, Mustin said.

A short time later, they came across the boy, about a mile southwest of the boat. They carried him out, putting him on their shoulders to get across the streams, and two hours later handed him to the Alabama Marine Police who then took him to his mother and medical workers.

The tracking team was just one of several outfits that contributed to the search. Marine Police, U.S. Coast Guard, Daphne Search and Rescue, North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue, the Mobile County Sheriff's Flotilla and several others all pitched into the effort.

They set up the operation at Cloverleaf Landing on the Tensaw River. Most of the searching was focused on the Oak Leaf Bayou, about five miles southwest of the landing.

Some people involved with the search were not sure

they would continue after dark, but North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue Chief William Whittington said they couldn't leave the boy alone all night.

"We felt he was still alive, and it was critical that we find him quick," he said. "When it's a kid, we don't leave until we get it done."

Mobile County Sheriff's Lt. Ron Emrich, who commanded the search and rescue mission, said the entire team breathed easier when rescue workers found the boy sleeping on the ground.

"We're all elated. No ifs, ands or buts about that," he said. "Everybody's happy with the way it turned out."

Christian's little sister, Ashley Poole, 8, was pleased, too.

"I'm very proud of Christian and I'm so excited that he's OK," she said in a telephone interview Tuesday from Sheila Smith's house, where she was staying. "I love him with all my heart!"

Smith said she planned to take Ashley to visit Christian Tuesday night, along with a special treat: pizza.

"He said he'd had enough hospital food," Smith said. "We figure he's a hero; he deserves a hero's welcome and whatever food he wants."

Their mother said the two were born 18 months apart, and have always been very close. The two animal-loving youngsters take care of the family's many pets -- a coop of chickens, a goldfish, a turtle, a Great Dane and a hamster, Delania Poole said.

"Good grief, now that I mention it, no one's been home for more than a day! I need to get someone over there to take care of them," she said. "Oh, I need some sleep." ■

Transferred Convicts Like Tutwiler Best: Cont'd from pg 7

Overall, the inmate transfers caused a mixture of emotions in some families.

Bankston's mother, Jan Buckhalt, said she didn't want her daughter being uprooted and moved to Louisiana. But she liked the reports from her daughter about the better conditions. She also sensed that her daughter was beginning to feel more comfortable there before the return to Tutwiler.

"They had given her a job. She was cutting grass there," Jan Buckhalt said. "Michelle's one that it doesn't take you long to trust. When she tells you something, it's the truth."

"The only thing I want is for her to be happy. I want her home. That's my heart's desire." ■





In Memory Of  
Sergeant Raymond Bulger  
And  
Officer Larry Wilson

As you sit in heaven and look down below  
On all of those who loves you so  
Our hearts are saddened and heavy laded  
But there's joy in knowing  
to heaven you've made it

You've taken the journey that lies ahead  
Of those you left on earth to tread  
We miss your voices,  
Your comforting smile  
For now we will weep and mourn awhile

But the day will come  
When our tears will dry  
And we'll stop asking  
the question why?

For in our hearts we know the truth  
That god had better plans for you  
No more storms, no more rain  
No more aches, and no more pain

So sleep away and be at rest  
We miss you and love you  
But God loves you best

—Angela Drummer, COI  
Bibb Correctional

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## Bibb County Correctional Facility Reflects On Loss Of Two Officers.



### Sgt. Raymond Earl Bulger

January 10, 1966-May 10, 2003

Sgt. Raymond Earl Bulger, age 37 was involved in a tragic car accident Saturday, May 10, 2003, which resulted in the loss of his life. Sgt. Bulger transferred from Frank Lee to Bibb CF with a promotion to Correctional Officer II in August 2001. He was employed 12 years by the Alabama State Department of Corrections.

He is survived by his wife Tatshum Nichelle Bulger, daughter Abreia Rachele Bulger, son Raymond Blake, stepson Nicholas Blakely and his parents Elder Edward and Estelle Bulger.



### COI. Larry Wilson

March 6, 1960-May 12, 2003

COI Larry Wilson, age 43 was recuperating at home following surgery and became critically ill due to complications. He passed away early Monday, May 12, 2003.

He is survived by his wife Antionette (Penny) Wilson, three sons, Juan Wilson, Andre' Wilson, Taurean Wilson, and mother Holland Jean Wilson.

We join the bereavement of their loved ones in the loss of Sgt. Bulger and COI Wilson.

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